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SUBJECT: BOKASSA APOINTMENT WITH FRENCH PRESIDENT

REF BANGUI 0988, 0979

1. CAR PRESIDENT BOKASSA SLIPPED QUIETLY OUT OF BANGUI
EARLY MORNING HOURS SEPTEMBER 15 FOR PARIS ON SPECIAL
CARAVELLE SUPPLIED BY AIR AFRIQUE. DEPARTURE NOT
ATTENDED BY CUSTOMARY AIRPORT RECEPTION AND FANFARE NOR
YET MENTIONED ON CAR RADIO/TELEVISION.

2. FONMIN POTOLOT PRECEDED BOKASSA TO PARIS SEPTEMBER 14
REPORTEDLY TO RESCHEDULE BOKASSA MEETING WITH PRESIDENT
GISCARD D'ESTAING THIS WEEK. INFORMAL GISCARD/BOKASSA
LUNCHEON PREVIOUSLY SET FOR SEPTEMBER 3 SUDDENLY CANCELLED
WHEN BOKASSA RETURNED CAR UNEXPECTEDLY AUGUST 28 FOR REASONS
STILL UNCLEAR. WHATEVER THE DIFFICULTIES WERE THAT CAUSE THE
CANCELLATION BOKASSA SEEMED IN GOOD SPIRITS DAY BEFORE
SEPTEMBER 15 DEPARTURE SPEAKING TO CHARGE OF QUOTE MY
FRIEND GISCARD UNQUOTE IN WARM TERMS DURING HELICOPTER TRIP
TO HIS FARM AT BOBANGUI.

3. ANY INFORMATION EMBASSY MIGHT BE ABLE DEVELOP ON MEETING
IF AND WHEN IT TAKES PLACE WOULD BE APPRECIATED.
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